

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 10, and 13-15 are amended. Claims 1-16 are rejected over prior art. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested in view of the following remarks.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Chang for her time and helpful comments during the telephonic interview of May 10, 2006. Applicants also acknowledge and thank Examiner Chang for indicating that the claims would be allowed if amended per her suggestion. Claims 1, 10, and 13 have been amended accordingly. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to be consistent with amended claim 13. Accordingly, all outstanding rejections have been rendered moot and this application is in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-16 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

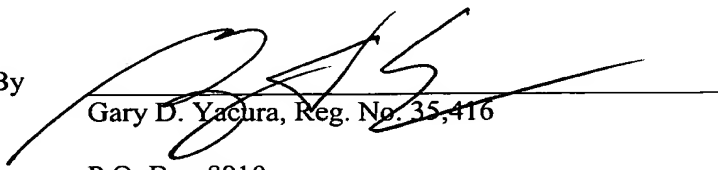
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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